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Attention: Rick Breitenbach

SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON THE PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT STATEMENT/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, MARCH
1998

Dear Mr. Breitenbach,

I am writing on behalf of the four local mosquito and vector control districts (districts) located in the Delta Region to submit comments on the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the CALFED program. We are submitting these advisory comments based on the district's local mandate to provide for the public's health and well being through comprehensive vector control.

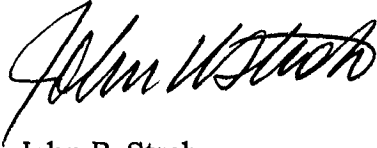
The districts primary concerns are based on the proposed development of wetlands as part of the Ecosystem Restoration Program Plan (ERPP). Following are issues that need to be addressed before certification of a final EIS/EIR:

1. Best Management Practices (BMP) for wetland management must be developed and adopted to prevent mosquitoes before creation of wetlands. The districts and the University of California Mosquito Research Program are available to assist in this matter.
2. Acquisition and retirement of privately owned land for ERPP wetland development must not compromise district funding. The activities of vector surveillance and control will intensify with the development of wetlands, necessitating a firm revenue base for current and future district operations.
3. Wetlands developed per the ERPP must be managed with adequate resources in perpetuity. Wetland management and maintenance funds must include adequate monies for ongoing vector surveillance and control for reimbursement to districts for services rendered.
4. The final EIS/EIR should provide adequate mitigation measures to address the unavoidable impacts as described in Section 8.8.2.7, page 8.8-13 of the draft. Again, the districts and the University of California are available to assist in this area.

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The districts look forward to working with CALFED staff to develop effective measures to mitigate these issues.

Sincerely,



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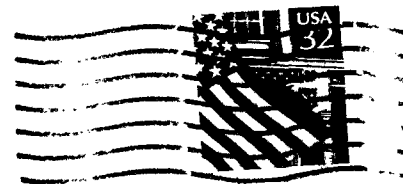
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